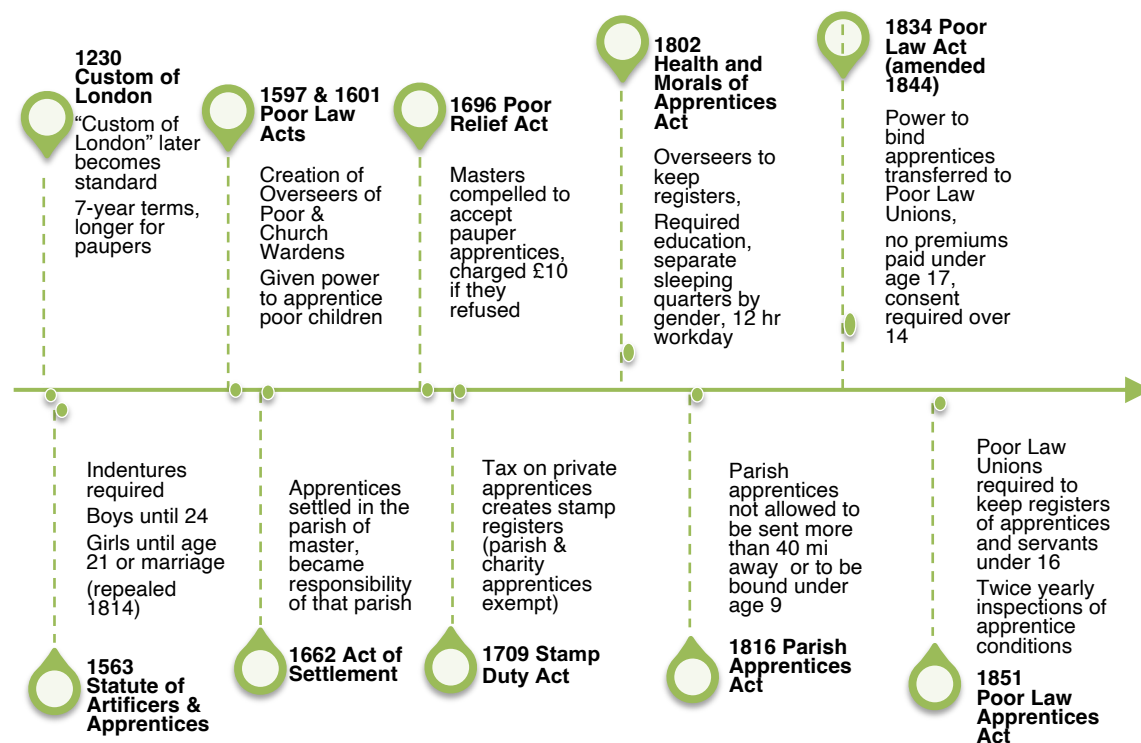


Pauper Apprentices

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Apprenticeship Laws Over Time



Types of Apprenticeships

Private Apprenticeships	Charity Apprentices	Pauper Apprentices
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> arranged by a parent or relative around age 14, 7-year terms or until age 21 premium paid by parent or relative to master Had to pay a stamp duty tax 1709-1811 to register 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sponsored by a charity focused on specific trades, or children from the birthplace of charity founder Provided with education, respectable trades 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> arranged by parish overseers of the poor or church wardens Settled in parish of master Less desirable trades or factory apprenticeships Often younger than 14

Apprenticeship Records

- Indentures
 - Official contracts for apprenticeships
 - Private indentures often don't survive or are in various archives/libraries
- Apprenticeship registers (can be by town/city, guild, or parish)
 - Various groups created apprenticeship registers to keep track of all the apprentices and masters under their stewardship
 - Can be found in archives, FamilySearch catalog, Ancestry, Findmypast
- Freeman registers (by town)
 - Records of those who completed their apprenticeship terms and paid a fee
 - FamilySearch.org, Ancestry.com, Findmypast
- Stamp Duty Registers (1709-1811)
 - Registers of tax paid to register private apprenticeships
 - FamilySearch.org and Findmypast
- Charity School Records
 - Registers of children taken in by charities, can list apprenticeship information in leaving register, parental or birth information in admission register
 - FamilySearch catalog, Findmypast
- Parish Chest Records
 - Church warden accounts: fines levied on members of the parish who refused to take on apprentices, premiums paid to masters to create indentures
 - Settlement examinations: records of which parish had responsibility for certain paupers if there was a dispute. Can contain mini-biographies of paupers as a result.
 - Apprenticeship registers kept by the Overseers of the Poor
- Poor Law Union Registers (after 1851)
 - Meant to replace the parish apprenticeship system and kept records of apprenticeships and premiums paid.